

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. (Withdrawn) A liquid storage unit comprising:

a case;

a liquid storage part for storing a liquid in the case, with which a liquid port communicates;

at least one gas accommodation part for accommodating a gas in the case, with which a gas port communicates, wherein the liquid in the liquid storage part is led out through the liquid port by a pressure of a gas introduced from the gas port;

an inner case provided in the case having a pair of openings on opposite side faces thereof; and

a pair of flexible partitioning members sealing said pair of openings of the inner case respectively, thereby partitioning the liquid storage part therebetween and defining said at least one of the gas accommodation part in cooperation with the case.

2. (Withdrawn) The liquid storage unit according to claim 1, wherein the flexible partitioning member is provided with a flexible film, which is thermally welded to a welding portion at the opening of the inner case.

3. (Withdrawn) The liquid storage unit according to claim 2, wherein the flexible film has a laminate structure including at least a welding layer formed with a material weldable to the welding portion and a gas barrier layer.

4. (Withdrawn) The liquid storage unit according to claim 1, wherein the case in which the inner case is provided has openings at a pair of side faces thereof corresponding to the openings of the inner case, and lids are sealed on the openings of the case respectively.

5. (Currently amended) A liquid storage unit comprising:

a liquid port;

a gas port;

a case;

a liquid storage part for storing a liquid and communicating with the liquid port;

a gas accommodation part accommodating a gas and communicating with the gas port;

an outer flexible partitioning member thermally welded to the case so as to define an inner space in cooperation with the case; and

an inner flexible partitioning member thermally welded to a welding portion provided in the inner space so as to define the liquid storage part, ~~and to define wherein at least a part of~~ the gas accommodation part is defined between the inner flexible partitioning member and the outer flexible partitioning member.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Withdrawn) A liquid ejecting apparatus comprising a liquid ejection head for discharging a liquid supplied from the liquid storage unit according to claim 1, and a carriage for being reciprocated with the liquid ejection head mounted thereon.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously presented) The liquid storage unit according to claim 4, wherein the welding portion is fixed relative to the case.

10. (Previously presented) The liquid storage unit according to claim 5, wherein a part of the case to which the outer flexible partitioning member is thermally welded is frame-shaped.

11. (Previously presented) The liquid storage unit according to claim 5, wherein the welding portion is frame-shaped.

12. (Previously presented) The liquid storage unit according to claim 5, wherein the inner flexible partitioning member is thermally welded in a loose state.

13. (Previously presented) The liquid storage unit according to claim 5, wherein the liquid storage part comprises at least one curved wall.

14. (Previously presented) The liquid storage unit according to claim 5, further comprising a protecting lid covering the outer flexible partitioning member.

15. (Previously presented) A liquid ejecting apparatus comprising a liquid ejection head operable to eject liquid supplied from the liquid storage unit according to claim 5.

16. (Previously presented) The liquid ejecting apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising a pump operable to pump the pressurized gas into the gas accommodation part.